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In re Application of : Koji Matsuo et al.

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For: ETCHING SOLUTION, CONTAINING HYDROFLUORIC ACID

**REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 9, 2004, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.